

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

REQUIREMENTS FOR *PLSIT* EXAMINATION

REQUIREMENTS:

You must have a high school diploma or a GED. A COPY OF YOUR DIPLOMA OR GED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

You must have a four-year surveying degree.

At the present time, East Tennessee State University is the only college in Tennessee which offers the four-year surveying degree program. However, degrees from out of state ABET accredited institutions will be considered.

OR

You must have obtained a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the Board, plus an additional 24 semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences.

OR

You must have obtained a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying related curriculum of four or more years, approved by the Board, plus an additional 36 semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences.

APPLICATIONS:

The applicant must submit an application with a fee of \$25.00 to be reviewed by the Board for approval or disapproval. If the application is approved, the Board will notify you of the time and place of the examination.

Applications must be received by February 1 to be reviewed for the April examination, and by August 1 for the October examination. IF YOU FIND THE DEADLINE IS VERY CLOSE, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY SEND THE APPLICATION IN BY FED-EX OR UPS. The state mail system is unreliable during peak periods and if your application is not IN OUR OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1 OR AUGUST 1, THEN YOUR APPLICATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE HELD FOR THE NEXT EXAM REVIEW.

OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS:

Tennessee does not have reciprocity with any state at the present time, but if an applicant has taken the 8-hour NCEES FLS in another state and passed, and his qualifications prove favorable to the Board, he/she will be designated as a PLSIT without further examination. In order to progress to full licensure, the applicant who has the PLSIT designation must meet the requirements per TCA 62-18-109(b) (1).

An application is sent to each applicant upon request. This package contains full instructions on how to fill out the application completely before submitting it to the Board for review.

Applicants who fail the examination two or more times must complete a re-take form and have it approved by the Board before they will be allowed to take the exam again [TCA 62-18-111(b)].

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1999, ANY APPLICANT NOT HAVING PASSED THE EXAMINATION WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THEIR ORIGINAL APPLICATION MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETELY NEW APPLICATION TO BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD.

APPLICANTS APPROVED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION:

Applicants will be notified in writing of their approval and the \$125.00 exam fee required. The applicant is notified in a timely manner regarding the date, time and location of the FLS exam.

Examination dates are determined by the NCEES and Tennessee adheres to these dates.

EXAMINATIONS:

Examinations are given in April and October.

The NCEES Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) examination is currently given on Saturday.

If the applicant fails the FLS examination, he/she must take that portion of the exam again and pass in order to receive recognition as PLSIT, and another exam fee will be required.

STUDY MATERIAL FOR THE EXAMINATION:

NCEES – For specific information about the examination and for a study guide, contact:

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
Publications Department
P.O. Box 1686
Clemson, SC 29633-1686
864-654-6824, Ext. 233
800-250-3196
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You may also visit their web site at www.NCEES.org and select the **Students** link on the home page. On the **Students** page, select the **Fundamentals Examination** link and then view **Study Guides** and **NCEES Land Surveyor Task and Knowledge Statements**.